

SEI Meeting Minutes – 3/17/17

- Introduced non-members in attendance of the meeting
- Non-members in attendance introduced their project proposals
 - Recycling bins for all students on WCU campus
 - “Repair Café” for local community
- Discussed the creation of an online dashboard for SEI. This would show:
 - How much energy WCU campus is conserving
 - How much energy our solar panels are producing
 - It would be up all the time, and show these stats in real time
 - Huge marketing tool
 - \$2,675 cost for software and training people on how to use software
 - This would be hooked up to David King’s computer system
- Discussed creation of SEI summer paid internship
 - Intern would oversee projects that are passed in April
 - Pay: \$10/hour, around 10 hours/week
 - Open to SEI members and possibly outside students as well (via JobCat)
- From now on, when an internship is proposed, if voted yes, the internship would be open to anyone on campus – NOT just the proposer
 - Possibly make a contract the intern would have to sign before filling the position
- Marketing update:
 - Project proposal table tents are all over campus
 - 90.5 is running a radio ad for project proposals, and will interview Lauren and Guse soon
 - Our facebook is getting lots of likes!
- EV charging station update:
 - Start date: April 3rd
 - Contractors are requesting a 3 week schedule in case of rain
 - They want to have an “eco screen” on the station to show how much energy is being saved by it, which will cost more
- Tuck River Clean Up (April 8th) will no longer have Mt. Trashmore. Instead, there will be recycling stations at each of the raft pullouts for SEI to man.
- New idea to possibly replace showerheads in dorms with ones that conserve more water.
- There is a long-term plan for a hiking trail to run along Cullowhee Creek through campus that the committee thinks would be great, but is projected to cost \$1.3 million.
 - Includes 2 bridges
 - 6 kiosks about Cherokee history
 - Surface water and groundwater restoration
 - Aquatic habitat structure formation in creek
 - New fishing pier
 - Park benches
 - Lighted trail
 - Trail would connect to Jackson County Greenway
 - Could be done in phases
 - Planning alone would cost \$90,000